



Dhaka-8 BNP candidate Mirza Abbas, in white *Panjabi*, tries to save a party activist during an attack, allegedly by ruling party men, in Segunbagicha of the capital yesterday. The incident happened when Abbas was campaigning in the area.

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## No respite from attacks

4 Oikyafront candidates including BNP's Khokon, Abbas among 100 injured in nationwide electoral violence

STAR REPORT

At least four BNP candidates, including Mahbub Uddin Khokon, and over 100 others were injured in electoral violence in 10 districts since Friday night.

Khokon, BNP contender for Noakhali-1 constituency, was hit by rubber bullets during a clash between Awami League and BNP activists yesterday.

The other three candidates are Mirza Abbas in Dhaka-8, Jalal Uddin in Chandpur-2 and SA Kabir Jinna in Manikganj-1.

In Noakhali's Sonaimuri upazila, a fight between AL and BNP activists broke out around 4:45pm yesterday as ruling party men intercepted a procession of BNP leaders and activists in the bypass area. Both sides got involved in chase and counter-chase, said witnesses.

Khokon was wounded as police fired rubber bullets to quell the clash.

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Hit by rubber bullets, Mahbub Uddin Khokon being treated at a hospital.

Oikyafront wants the president's intervention

Writes to Bangabhaban for appointment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Oikyafront leaders want to meet President Abdul Hamid and seek his intervention to improve the current political situation in the run-up to the December 30 polls.

On Thursday, the party sent a letter in this regard to the Bangabhaban which sought an appointment with the president for the leaders of Oikyafront -- alliance of the BNP and several other opposition parties -- on December 17, alliance sources said.

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CEC sees level playing field all around

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid continued violence over the polls, Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda yesterday claimed that a level playing field was ensured for all candidates.

"Candidates are being able to conduct campaigns and they are not facing any obstacles," he told reporters at the Nirbachan Bhaban.

He also termed Friday's attack on the motorcade of

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VICTORY DAY  
TODAY

Written by hand, driven by heart

Freedom fighter Mizanur relives memories of bringing out weekly newspaper during Liberation War



Wasim Bin Habib and Reajul Karim Byron

October 1971. The war waged by the Pakistani occupation army on Bangalees had just entered its seventh month.

Unimaginable brutalities and carnage -- countless dead, millions displaced and

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1971:  
BATTLES THAT  
WOMEN FOUGHT

The Daily Star's 16-page Victory Day supplement this year pays tribute to women who fought for this country's independence in 1971. Be sure to collect your copy from the hawker with this newspaper.

Image of the first issue of the *Saptahik Bangladesh*, a weekly published in Bikrampur in 1971.



The Awami League office in Barishal looks almost deserted while the BNP office in the city, inset, is locked. Election campaign in Barishal city by the two major parties has not yet gained momentum although the national election is just two weeks away. The photos were taken around 6:00pm yesterday.

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KHULNA

AL runs at full throttle, BNP missing

SHARIFUL ISLAM and DIPANKAR ROY

With the election 14 days away, campaigning should be in full swing but the situation in Khulna is different.

Campaign activities for AL candidates in the city and villages of upazilas of Khulna were energetic but supporters of non-ruling party candidates, particularly the BNP and Jamaat, was hardly seen electioneering during a

CHATTOGRAM

Ghost cases, again BNP man, who died 8 yrs ago, made accused in murder case

RAFIUL ISLAM

Abu Taher died of cancer eight years ago.

The trees planted by his grave near his home at Maijdee in Noakhali have grown taller and greener in all these years.

Yet Taher, who was once involved with BNP politics, has now been made accused in a case for unlawful assembly and killing of a man around 16 kilometres from his home.

Ariful Islam Sumon, joint convener of Ewazbalia Union Jubo League, filed the case with Sudharam Police Station on December 12, accusing Taher and 364 others following the death of a Jubo League man during a



Abu Taher

Barishal yet to catch polls fever

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY and SUSHANTA GHOSH

The Barishal city is yet to see proper electioneering by the major political parties although the polls are just two weeks away.

The Awami League and the BNP have held rallies on small scales but none of them has brought out processions. The door-to-door campaign seeking votes was also absent.

Seven candidates are

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